

Dover Man Arrested for Purchasing Catalytic Converters- Dover

Dover, DE- Delaware State Police arrested **Steven Foulk, 25, Dover**, on criminal charges associated with purchasing catalytic converters.

In 2020, Delaware State Police began investigating multiple thefts of catalytic converters. Catalytic converters are located on vehicles and are an emissions control device that contain precious metals used to filter dangerous gas. Catalytic converters are often stolen and sold for the metals they are made up of. As a result, regulations and laws are in place for the purchase and sale of catalytic converters.

Delaware State Police Troop 3 Detectives identified Steven Foulk as an individual who purchased nine catalytic converters from individuals. Foulk was licensed to purchase catalytic converters but was purchasing them from private citizens, which is illegal. Delaware law states a scrap metal processor may not purchase a catalytic converter from an individual unless the individual, at the time of purchase, provides identification as: A licensed automotive dismantler and recycler or scrap metal processor; An agent or employee of a licensed commercial enterprise. On June 22, 2021, Foulk was arrested and charged with nine counts of Scrap Metal Processor May Not Purchase Catalytic Converter From An Individual. He was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #2 and released on his own recognizance.

With the significant number of theft of catalytic converters occurring, troopers are urging citizens to report any suspicious activity. Also, if you are a victim of one of these thefts, to report it immediately to the police by dialing

9-1-1. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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